



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

July 28, 2024

10:30 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

Regular text is read by minister.

**Bold text is read by congregation.**

## THE GATHERING

*The prelude is a time of music for quiet reflection to prepare our hearts for worship.*

### PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Major, BWV 878

*(Darlene Cusick, Guest Pianist/Organist)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Those attending worship are invited to fill out a blue card in the pew to register your attendance or express interest in the church's programs. You may place the cards in the offering plates as you depart at the end of the service. Those worshipping online are invited to click the blue tab on the worship page, "Visiting FPC? Let's Connect!"*

### INTROIT

Confitemini Domino

Jacques Berthier / Taizé

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus. Confitemini Domino, alleluia!  
*[Give thanks to the Lord who is good. Alleluia!]*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is faithful in all words  
**and gracious in all deeds.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling  
**and raises up all who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all look to you,  
**and you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand,  
**satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

In your compassionate love, O God,  
you nourish us with the words of life and bread of blessing.  
Grant that Jesus may calm our fears  
and move our hearts to praise your goodness  
by sharing our bread with others. Amen.

**\*HYMN #386**

Come, Worship God

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of abundance,  
you have put food on this earth enough for all,  
yet we have become greedy while others go hungry.  
Forgive us when we do not hear the cries of the needy;  
when we do not feed your sheep.

*Prayers of confession continue in silence.*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Cantor first, then ALL*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger,  
and abundant in loving kindness.  
Believe the good news of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

THAXTED

O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your Word,  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below each staff. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and some rests. The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

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**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you!**

*Please take a moment to greet those around you with God's peace.*

# THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Estelle Brunner

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

John 6:1-15

Pew Bible, pg. 97

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

Take Us as We Are, O God

Alfred V. Fedak

Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own.  
As once you chose to tell your love in human flesh and bone,  
so let our lives be used to make your saving purpose known.

Bless us for your service, Lord; no power we devise  
will ever give us strength enough or make us truly wise,  
yet by your promise we can know the peace your grace supplies.

Break us open to disclose how brokenness can heal,  
wherever broken loaves suffice to give a crowd a meal  
and graves break open to release new life from death's dread seal.

Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast,  
that we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least,  
until at length you call us all to your unending feast.

— *Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1995*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 6:16-21

Pew Bible, pg. 97

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“Be Not Afraid”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

**\*HYMN #353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

(*from The Confession of 1967*)

**The reconciliation of man through Jesus Christ  
makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance  
is an intolerable violation of God's good creation.  
Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited,  
the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples.  
The church cannot condone poverty,  
whether it is the product of unjust social structures,  
exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources,  
absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations.**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Labor Day Retreat

Janet Leatherwood  
& Amy Wood

*Thank you for your faithful support of the church.  
For various ways to contribute to the life and ministry of the church,  
please refer to page 8 of the worship bulletin.*

**OFFERTORY**

Bread of Life

arr. Lee G. Barrow

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

— *Mary Ann Lathbury, 1877, alt.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

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Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

HYMN TO JOY

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.  
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.  
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Praise the One true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

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Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8.7.8.7.D; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edwards Hodges, 1842, alt.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Guest Organist

**Today**, we welcome Darlene Cusick, guest organist/pianist and director. Darlene serves at Rise Church (Calvin Presbyterian Church) in Tigard and has served at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Raleigh Hills, as well as at FPC (working alongside Jim Welty). She is also a concert pianist and teacher and played the inaugural concert on FPC's Steinway grand piano as well as the 51st Anniversary concert last October.

### Art & Soul Exhibition - Final Sunday

**Today** is the final Sunday to experience the Art & Soul Exhibition! Featuring works by seven talented artists: Robin Becic, Patrice Cameron, Christine Helton, Marjorie Johnson, Kristie Mooney, Chris Stubbs, and Rose West. Don't miss your chance to immerse yourself in their inspiring creations one last time.

### August Birthday Celebration

If you were born in the month of August, please come to Coffee Hour on **Sunday, August 4**, so we can celebrate you!

### August Coffee Hour Volunteers - W, X, Y, or Z

If your last name begins with W, X, Y, or Z, August is your month to shine at Coffee Hour! Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA92BA2FFCE9-46813925-coffee#/> to sign up or call Alexis in the church office at (503) 228-7331 or Amy Hall at (503) 330-0377. Thank you for helping to make Coffee Hour a welcoming, warm, and tasty event!

### Walk The Wildwood - Saturday, August 10

**Today** is the last Sunday to register for Walk The Wildwood. Registration will close on **Friday, August 2**. Stop by our registration table during Coffee Hour, and we'll help you get signed up. For event details, visit <https://pim-africa.org/walk-oregon> or contact Kathryn Hill at [hillka@teleport.com](mailto:hillka@teleport.com). If you're unable to attend but would like to donate, please visit [Donate to Walk the Wildwood](#). Also, don't forget to drop off your gently used sneakers in Geneva Hall or at the event. Thank you for your support!

### Retirement Celebration for Pastor Spencer

Join us on **August 11** as we celebrate Pastor Spencer's retirement. We're creating a treasure box filled with cards, letters, poems, and drawings for Spencer. You're welcome to contribute by sending your items to the church office beforehand or bringing them on August 11. You can also email a message for Spencer to Alexis at [office@firstpresportland.org](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org) to include in the treasure box. To assist with the party or bring food, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AABA92BA2FFCE9-50300472-spencers>. We look forward to seeing you there!

### FPC Labor Day Retreat Registration

Join us for FPC's All-Church Retreat, **August 30 - September 1**. Relax, reflect, and enjoy the fellowship at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. Everyone is invited to spend the weekend with activities for all ages. Sign up **today** during Coffee Hour or online at <https://bit.ly/3RXXKy8v>. This year's program theme is Life-Transitions, guided by the Rev. Joyce Emery of East Woods Presbyterian in Vancouver. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for community building as we worship, learn, and play together.

### Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)

The Congregational Nominating Committee is starting to meet to nominate new Elders and Deacons to serve terms starting in January 2025. If you would like to be considered or would like to nominate someone to serve, please contact Pete Vanden Bosch at [petevandenbosch@gmail.com](mailto:petevandenbosch@gmail.com) or (503) 440-7886.

### Youth Internship Application

Calling all high school students! Do you want to play a meaningful role in the life of a child at FPC and grow as a leader while having fun on Sunday mornings? Consider applying to serve as one of our Children's Ministry Interns. Compensation is provided! To learn more about this faith-enriching opportunity or to apply, please contact Session elder Kristine Olson at [kristineolson4@gmail.com](mailto:kristineolson4@gmail.com). **Application Deadline: August 4, 2024.**

## IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers are with the family of Neil Lafromboise, who died on July 6, 2024, and Leonard Cain, who died on July 19, 2024.*

*“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”*

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

*Contributions to the church can be made in the following ways:*

*Mail a check to the church office.*

*Leave your gifts in the offering plates as you depart worship.*

*Scan the QR code on the right.*

*Visit <https://pushpay.com/g/firstpresportland>.*



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We join in holding in prayer: Suellen Bergdorf, Kathy Callas, Louise Grose, Fran Hermanson, Russ Mendenhall, Gordon Priedeman, Bruce Purdy, Phyllis Whittington, and others facing illness and loss. If you would like your name added to the prayer section of the weekly bulletin, please contact the church office.*

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*Today's sanctuary flowers are given in honor of Norma and in memory of James Welty, by Robert Bulkley and Joyce MacWilliamson.*





***Christ on the Water***  
by Julius Sergius von Klever, c. 1880

***Love God.  
Love Our Neighbors.***

### **Vision Statement**

We commit to be a church that is:

**Engaged:** A forward-thinking and involved congregation committed to each other and to the wider community.

**Inclusive:** A faith community that affirms and welcomes all people.

**Compassionate:** A congregation that follows in Christ's way, advancing the well-being and dignity of all people, working for a just and equitable society, and caring for all creation.

**Faithful:** Living our faith authentically with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God's love is known.

## **CHURCH STAFF**

### **Principal Church Staff:**

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Bridge Pastor

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Menucha Director, Associate Pastor

Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Associate Pastor

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